



TFW

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0486

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
)
Masayoshi MIURA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2616
)
Serial No.: 09/830,222) Examiner: J. Fletcher
)
Filed: June 15, 2001)
) Confirmation No.: 3195
For: INFORMATION RETRIEVING/
PROCESSING METHOD,)
RETRIEVING/PROCESSING)
DEVICE, STORING METHOD)
AND STORING DEVICE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated November 1, 2005, the period for response to which extends through December 1, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Species I (Fig. 1), characterized by the Examiner as corresponding to claims 1-36, and Species II (Fig. 16), characterized by the Examiner as corresponding to claims 37-47. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species I. Claims 1-36 are readable thereon.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: November 30, 2005

David Dax
By: Reg. No. 34,731
for Michael R. Kelly
Reg. No. 33,921